closed gas-tight vis-à-vis the environment, and the supply and removal of the pressure medium is done via inlet and outlet valves that are separated from each other.

- 24. (New). Supply lines according to Claim 23, wherein the pressure medium consists of air, and the pressure medium is passed in an open circuit.
- 25. (New). The supply line according to Claim 20, wherein the supply line consists of Teflon (PTFE) or a Teflon coated carrier hose.
- 26. (New). The supply line according to Claim 20, wherein the supply line consists of polyurethane, and the jacket hose or jacket tube is comprised of polyamide.

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1-19 are canceled, and claims 20-26 are added. Claims 1-26 correspond to claims 1-7 discussed in the Preliminary Examination Report.

An early action on merits is respectfully requested.

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